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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2131**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/653,227
Filed: August 31, 2000
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Title: MESSAGE
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USING MESSAGE GATES
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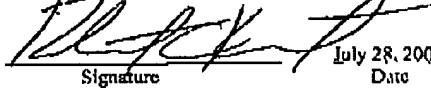
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